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I am writing in support of House Bills 5186, 5187 and 5188. These bills will provide increased protection for incapacitated adults and children. HB 5186 requires court appointed guardians ad litem on petitions for appointment of a guardian to report to the court the amount of cash in the individuals estate and permits the court to require the filing of a petition for conservator to protect those assets. In this way, the assets of incapacitated adults can be protected in those cases where a petition for conservator has not been filed.

HB 5187 requires conservators to record orders relating to real estate with the register of deeds. In the absence of such an order there is no presumption that the conservator has authority to sell or pledge the real estate. This will protect the estates of those individuals whose homes are sold by a conservator without court approval.

HB 5188 strengthens and clarifies the bonding criteria for conservatorship estates.

I am confident that the Michigan Probate Judges Association will endorse these bills as well. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks, Judge Mack